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Secret Bridge over the Amur River

1. under the Amur railroad bridge near Khabarovsk there was another bridge hidden in the water (sic). The upper bridge was the largest in the USSR and was about four km long. Beneath it, or somewhat downstream, a concrete passageway, with rails already laid, was built in the water to be used in case the upper bridge was destroyed. The secret passage was not visible on either side, but ready to be connected in case of need. Guards were situated about 250 m from the river, on either side.

American Visitors

2. some time after the war, possibly in 1947, an American pastor came for an inspection of labor conditions in the Kolyma region. The Soviets hid the real forced laborers, moved free workers into their camp, and sent them to work without escort. The camp stores were opened on the day of the visit as if they were normally available for prisoners. a purchase but he was warned to return it immediately after the departure of the visitor.¹

Vlassovite Rebellion

3. the Indigirskiy Gold Mine, around 1947 some Vlassovites had killed 250 guards on a ship and were trying to reach Alaska. They had forgotten to kill the radio operator who sent out messages about the revolt. Planes and

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other ships attacked them. The rebels opened the sea-cocks of the ship, which sank with the Vlassovites on deck, singing to the last moment. [redacted]

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25X1Punishments for Trifles

4. A Tartar in [redacted] had been sentenced to seven years of forced labor for being 26 minutes late to work. An Udmurt [redacted] had been working on a kolkhoz and had begged for some grain. His demand was refused and the man stole 1.5 kg of rye. He was sentenced to eight years of forced labor.

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25X1Secret Installation in Chelyabinsk

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5. [redacted] the Marshanskiy Gold Mine, about 1952-1953, [redacted] a secret installation was started in Chelyabinsk in 1948 and completed in 1950. The plant was hidden in the side of a mountain, near the city. A higher officer who had worked there was asked by Soviet officials what he knew about the installation. The officer gave some information and was liquidated. A junior officer was asked similar questions but pretended that he was completely ignorant; he went free. All the prisoners who had been employed in this installation were scattered over various camps in the Kolyma region.

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1. This incident is obviously in contradiction with the statement that the real prisoners were removed from the camp.
2. A similar incident was reported before in greater detail [redacted]

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